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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 18 August 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 9-15 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 18 August 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 0818.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35

U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 1-8, drawn to oscillator, classified in class 331, subclass 117R.
- II. Claims 9-15, drawn to system, classified in class 375, subclass 354.

The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

2. Inventions I and II are related as combination and subcombination. Inventions in this relationship are distinct if it can be shown that (1) the combination as claimed does not require the particulars of the subcombination as claimed for patentability, and (2) that the subcombination has utility by itself or in other combinations (MPEP § 806.05(c)). In the instant case, the combination as claimed does not require the particulars of the subcombination as claimed because another oscillator could be used. The subcombination has separate utility such as an oscillator.

3. Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art as shown by their different classification, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.
4. Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and the search required for Group II is not required for Group I, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.
5. Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art because of their recognized divergent subject matter, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.
6. During a telephone conversation with Glen Choi on 02/01/05 a provisional election was made without traverse to prosecute the invention of I, claims 1-8. Affirmation of this election must be made by applicant in replying to this Office action. Claims 9-15 are withdrawn from further consideration by the examiner, 37 CFR 1.142(b), as being drawn to a non-elected invention.
7. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

8. Claims are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b.) as being clearly anticipated by Nelson.

Nelson disclosed (Figure 2) first transistor device (B1) with first (collector), second (base) and third (emitter) terminals; second transistor device (B2) with first (collector), second (base) and third (emitter) terminals; first impedance device (C2, R2) to couple the second terminal (base) of the second transistor (B2) to the first terminal (collector) of the first transistor device (B1); second impedance device (C1, R1) to couple the second terminal (base) of the first transistor device (B1) to the first terminal (collector) of the second transistor device (B2), wherein the first (C2, R2) and second (C1, R1) impedance devices include capacitive (C2, C1) and resistive (R2, R1) impedance characteristics; wherein the first (C2, R2) and second (C1, R1) impedance devices comprise substantially the same capacitive and resistive impedance characteristics (same unless otherwise specified); wherein a voltage build-up (oscillation) across the first impedance device extends a voltage peak (the first and second impedance devices are high pass filters, from the collectors to the bases, which pass high frequency peaks and block and thereby extend low ones at their inputs) that can be applied at the first terminal (collector) of the first transistor device (B1) and

maintain an operating second terminal voltage of the second transistor device (the base voltages do not stop operating); wherein the resistive elements are in parallel with the respective capacitive elements (R1 and R2 are the parallel connected elements of these filters as is said in the art and thus are in parallel with the capacitive elements deductively.); wherein the maximum output voltage swing provided between the first terminals (collectors) of the first and second transistor devices (B1, B2) is based on the impedance of the first and second impedance devices (Column 3, lines 28-31 – If these filters enable oscillation then all oscillation characteristics are fundamentally based on their impedances); a first inductive element (L1) to couple the first terminal (collector) of the first transistor device (B1) to a voltage bias (+SUPPLY); a second inductive element (L2) to couple the first terminal (collector) of the second transistor device (B2) to the voltage bias (+SUPPLY); a capacitive element (C3, C4) to couple the first terminal (collector) of the first transistor device (B1) to the first terminal (collector) of the second transistor device (B2); current source (B3) coupled to the third terminals (emitters) of the first and second transistor devices (B1, B2).

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David Mis whose telephone number

is (571)272-1765. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert Pascal can be reached on (571)272-1769. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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